

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

PLANT SERVICES DIVISION

WHITEFLY PESTS

DIVISION/PROGRAM:  
PSD

DAO 05-09

  
SIGNATURE

8/8/05  
EFFECTIVE DATE

1. **PURPOSE**

This Order is issued to repeal the Arizona Department of Agriculture Director's Administrative Order 05-05, intended to mitigate an immediate risk of infestation of whitefly pests in Arizona by increasing protection against the entry of the listed whitefly pests on nursery stock entering the state. This Order extends the effective date of the enforcement.

Currently, under the Arizona Administrative Code, the Whitefly Pest rule, R3-4-238 contains procedural requirements that the state of California is unable to meet. This order revises the procedures set forth in the rule in order to ensure California can abide by the requirements.

As a major source of nursery stock with the target virus and insect pests, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), along with representatives from Arizona's nursery and citrus industries have reviewed this order. In conjunction with this order, the Department has opened a rulemaking docket to institute rule changes that will ensure California's ability to adhere to these requirements.

In order to allow industry time to meet the requirements of this Order, we will delay enforcement until September 1, 2005.

2. **AUTHORITY**

A. R. S. § 3-201.01 Associate director, powers and duties

3. **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Associate Director, managers and supervisors shall ensure that all employees of the Plant Services Division understand and comply with this Order.

4. **APPLICABILITY**

This Order applies to all shipments of regulated commodities from the area under quarantine.

5. **ORDER**

A. Definitions. "Pest" means all life stages of the following:

Citrus whitefly, *Dialeurodes citri*

Cloudywinged whitefly, *Dialeurodes citrifolii*

Woolly whitefly, *Aleurothrixus floccosus*

- B. Area under quarantine. Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

- C. Commodities covered.

*Ailanthus* spp. (Tree of Heaven),

*Amplopsiopsis* spp. (Boston Ivy),

*Bignonia capreolata* (Cross Vine),

*Choisya ternata* (Mexican Orange),

*Citrus* spp.,

*Diospyros* spp. (Persimmon),

*Eremocitrus* spp.

*Feijoa* spp. (Pineapple guava),

*Ficus macrophyll* (Ficus),

*Fortunella* spp. (Kumquat),

*Gardenia* spp. (Gardenia or Cape Jasmine),

*Ilex* spp. (Holly),

*Jasminum* spp. (Jasmine),

*Lagerstroemia* spp. (Crape Myrtle),

*Ligustrum* spp. (Privet),

*Maclura pomifera* (Osage Orange),

*Melia* spp. (Chinaberry),

*Microcitrus* spp.

*Musa* spp. (Banana Shrub),

*Osmanthus* (Osmanthus)

*Plumaria* spp. (Frangipani, temple tree),

*Poncirus* spp. (Trifoliate orange),

*Prunus caroliniana* (Carolina Cherry Laurel),

*Psidium* spp. (Guava),

*Punica granatum* (Pomegranate),

*Pyrus communis* (Pear),

*Sapindus mukorossi* (Chinese Soapberry),

*Smilax* spp. (Sarsparilla),  
*Syringa vulgaris* (Common Lilac), and  
*Viburnum* spp. (Viburnum).

- D. Restrictions. A person may ship a regulated commodity to Arizona from an area under quarantine if each shipment is accompanied by a certificate issued by a plant regulatory official of the state of origin attesting that within 5 days before shipment:
1. The regulated commodity of the genera *Citrus*, *Eremocitrus*, *Fortunella*, *Microcitrus*, and *Poncirus* was treated with a chemical approved by the Director to kill the pests listed in section (A), and was visually inspected and found free of all live life stages of the pests listed in section (A).
  2. The regulated commodity not listed in section (D) (1):
    - a. Was treated with a chemical to kill the pests listed in section (A), and was visually inspected and found free of all live life stages of the pests listed in section (A), or
    - b. Originated from a nursery with a pest management program recognized and monitored by the origin state to control the pests listed in Section (A), and was visually inspected and found to be free of all live life stages of the pests listed in section (A), or
    - c. The regulated commodity is completely devoid of foliage and is exempt from treatment for the pests listed in section (A).
- E. Disposition of regulated commodity not in compliance. A regulated commodity shipped into Arizona in violation of this Director's Administrative Order shall be destroyed, treated, or transported out of state as prescribed at A.R.S. Title 3, Chapter 2, Article 1.